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'Super typhoon' strikes Philippines (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article "Super typhoon' strikes Philippines".
Answer questions 1-16.

1. Roughly, how many islands make up the Philippines? Name the two biggest ones.
7,000. Luzon and Mindanao.
2. Name two islands that were badly affected by the typhoon?
Leyte; Samar.
3. Who is Benigno Aquino?
The president of the Philippines.
4. What names were given to the typhoon that struck the Philippines?
Typhoon Haiyan; Yolanda.
5. What are typhoons? What are they called in other parts of the world?
Very powerful tropical storms. Hurricanes (in the Atlantic and eastern Pacific Ocean); Cyclones (in the Indian Ocean).
6. What sometimes happens to typhoons that hit the Philippines?
Pick up strength again after crossing the country and reaching South China Sea; then (not unusual to) strike southern China or Vietnam.
7. What is the typhoon, which struck the Philippines, believed to be?
One of the most powerful storms ever recorded to hit land (make landfall).
8. What are storm surges?
Waves of seawater that are pushed inland by the powerful storm's winds.

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9. What did 700,000 people do when they heard the warning of the approaching typhoon?
Moved to higher ground or evacuation centres (churches, schools and larger government buildings).
10. What is the difference between 'sustained' winds and 'gusts'?
Sustained winds blow for at least ten minutes; gusts blow for about 60 seconds.
11. List some of the countries that have offered to help.
The USA, Australia, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, the UK.
12. What has the United Nations (UN) done? What will this be used for?
Launched an emergency appeal for US\$300 million (£186 million). Used to help people who now have (lost their homes) nowhere to live.
13. Why did some people criticise the president and his government?
They claimed that the rescue operation had been badly managed; aid took too long to reach the people who lost their homes.
14. Where is Tacloban and what happened there?
On the coast of the island of Leyte; (one of the places worst affected by the typhoon) hit by storm surge; (those who sheltered in their homes could not escape the waves); most buildings destroyed; boats and ships swept inland.
15. How many categories of typhoons are there? Which are the least and most powerful?
1 to 5. Category 1 least powerful; Category 5 most powerful.
16. Some scientists think that climate change is having an effect on these storms. What do they suspect?
That it (climate change) may be increasing the frequency and strength of these powerful storms.

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Temple ruling (Page 4)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Temple ruling'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. The Preah Vihear temple is a ruin.	✓	
2. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is based in the Netherlands.	✓	
3. Yingluck Shinawatra is the prime minister of Thailand.	✓	
4. The ICJ ruled that the temple was in Laos.		✓
5. Cambodia has built a road from the nearest town to the temple.	✓	
6. Indochina included Cambodia, Laos and Thailand.		✓
7. The Preah Vihear temple is a World Heritage Site.	✓	
8. Cambodia used to be called Siam.		✓
9. The ICJ settles legal arguments among member countries of the UN.	✓	
10. The ICJ ruled that the land around the temple belongs to Cambodia.	✓	

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Price controls in Venezuela (Page 6)

Instructions: Read the article 'Price controls in Venezuela'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. How did Hugo Chávez often described the way in which he ran the country?
A. As a 'socialist revolution'.
2. Q. How many bolivars can be exchanged for one American dollar at the government rate? What is one American dollar worth at the government exchange rate?
A. 6.3 bolívares.
3. Q. Of what has Nicolas Maduro (the president) accused some shop owners?
A. Deliberately increasing their prices to make lots of money.
4. Q. Of the (total) money that Venezuela makes what percentage comes from oil?
A. Around 95%.
5. Q. What is usually the cause of high inflation (a high inflation rate)?
A. Governments that keep printing more and more banknotes.
6. Q. Where do many of the things that Venezuela needs come from?
A. Other countries.
7. Q. Why are many people in Venezuela trying to exchange their money for American dollars?
A. Because of the high inflation.
8. Q. In Venezuela (because of Mr Maduro's order) how much are many electrical items, such as televisions, cameras and washing machines, now being sold for?
A. At less than half price.

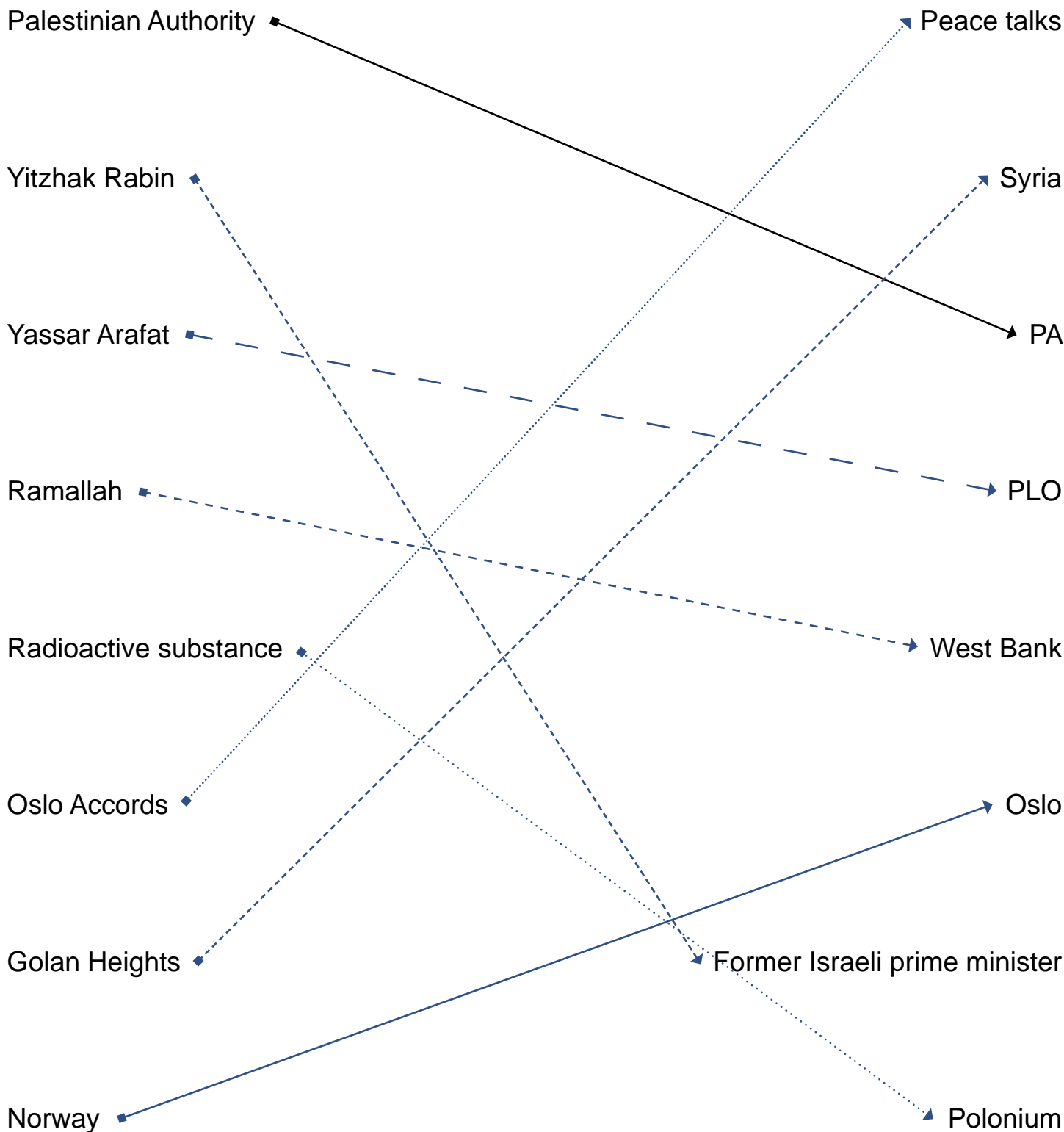
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Was Arafat poisoned? (Page 15)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Was Arafat poisoned?'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.



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Tutankhamun's new tomb (Page 5)

Instructions: Read the article 'Tutankhamun's new tomb' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

VALLEY OF THE KINGS

close to the River Nile in Egypt;
was the burial place for many
ancient pharaohs and important
families; where Tutankhamun's
tomb was discovered in 1922;
nearly all other tombs in the
valley were broken into
hundreds, or even thousands,
of years ago by grave robbers.

HOWARD CARTER

British archaeologists; paid to
do archaeological work in
Egypt's Valley of the Kings by
Lord Carnarvon; discovered
Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922;
lived in a mud-brick house
about 800 metres (0.5 miles)
from the Valley of the Kings.



TUTANKHAMUN

also known as King Tut;
became king, or pharaoh, of
Egypt when he was only around
eight years old; died in BCE
1324, at the age of 19; tomb
discovered by Howard Carter in
1922; various ideas about
how he died, murdered, from
malaria, or hit by a speeding
chariot; his tomb remained
sealed for over 3,300 years;
gold funeral mask has become
a symbol of ancient Egypt.

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copy of Tutankhamun's tomb;
four rooms one of which has
wall paintings; taken four years
to build; close to the mud-brick
house where Howard Carter
used to live 800 metres (0.5
miles) from Valley of the Kings;
built because original tomb is
being damaged by change of air
and many visitors; opening in
November.

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Twitter share sale (Page 10)

Instructions: Read the article 'Twitter share sale'.
Answer questions 1-8.

1. On which stock exchange did the Twitter bosses decide to list their company's shares?

New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

2. Why was Twitter an unusual stock market flotation?

Because the company is yet to make a profit.

3. What is an IPO?

When a company sells its shares (or stocks) to the public for the first time (also known as a stock market launch or flotation).

4. What percentage of the company's shares was sold? Who owns the other shares?

Around 10%. The owners, employees and business people who have already invested in the company.

5. Companies sell shares to raise money. What is this money normally used for?

To grow the business, pay off debts or take over other companies.

6. How many shares were sold? How much money did the share sale raise?

70 million. US\$1.82 billion (£1.14 billion).

7. What happened to Twitter's shares on the day of the IPO?

(From US\$26 (£16.25)) they went up to around US\$45 (£28) per share.

8. What will the company have to do to make money?

It will have to increase its advertising sales (by placing more adverts on its website and within the messages people post/send).

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. IDN A I A

I N D I A

2. N A A J T P

J A P A N

3. T E I L V M A N

V I E T N A M

4. E I G N O P A I S R

S I N G A P O R E

5. D O A I C I B M A

C A M B O D I A

6. N A U I H D A T L

T H A I L A N D

7. N A E M H G R Y

G E R M A N Y

8. A S I A K A P T N

P A K I S T A N

9. I S N N E O I D N A

I N D O N E S I A

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Mystery country = L I T H U A N I A

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Issue 210 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 210. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

ICJ ⁽¹⁾Valley of the Kings ⁽²⁾Tribal areas ⁽³⁾*Listeria* ⁽⁴⁾Forbidden City ⁽⁵⁾Mpemba effect ⁽⁶⁾IPO ⁽⁷⁾~~Red planet~~ ⁽⁸⁾Michael Bloomberg ⁽⁹⁾Tanzania ⁽⁶⁾Platypus ⁽¹⁰⁾**Goma**Thailand ⁽¹¹⁾Grave robbers ⁽²⁾Siam ⁽¹¹⁾Stock market launch ⁽⁷⁾Venezuela ⁽¹²⁾Food poisoning ⁽⁴⁾Beijing ⁽⁵⁾Bolívares ⁽¹²⁾Pakistan ⁽³⁾~~Mars~~ ⁽⁸⁾Monotreme ⁽¹⁰⁾Ramallah ⁽¹³⁾The Hague ⁽¹⁾West Bank ⁽¹³⁾Big Apple ⁽⁹⁾**Odd one out =** _____ **GOMA**

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Issue 210 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 210 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **The platypus is only found in one country. Which is it?**
 - a. Indonesia
 - b. New Zealand
 - c. **Australia**
 - d. Papua New Guinea
 - e. Philippines
2. **Roughly, what percentage of an adult human body is water?**
 - a. 20%
 - b. 30%
 - c. 40%
 - d. 50%
 - e. **60%**
3. **Who has just been elected as New York City's new mayor?**
 - a. Robert F Wagner
 - b. Ed Koch
 - c. David Dinkins
 - d. **Bill de Blasio**
 - e. Rudy Giuliani
4. **Which artist painted the picture called *Lady with an Ermine*?**
 - a. Picasso
 - b. Toulouse-Lautrec
 - c. Munch
 - d. **Leonardo da Vinci**
 - e. Canaletto
5. **iREX is a biannual robotics exhibition. In which city is it held?**
 - a. Beijing
 - b. **Tokyo**
 - c. Taipei
 - d. Los Angeles
 - e. Berlin
6. **Who wrote *On the Origin of Species*?**
 - a. Alfred Russel Wallace
 - b. **Charles Darwin**
 - c. Stephen Hawking
 - d. Richard Dawkins
 - e. Michael Faraday
7. **Which of the following was a philosopher in Ancient Greece?**
 - a. Lucilia
 - b. Ciucero
 - c. Pliny
 - d. **Aristotle**
 - e. Vergil
8. **Which country has the largest economy in the world?**
 - a. Germany
 - b. Japan
 - c. **The USA**
 - d. China
 - e. Russia
9. **Who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb?**
 - a. Lord Carnarvon
 - b. **Howard Carter**
 - c. Heinrich Schliemann
 - d. Flinders Petrie
 - e. Robert Koldewey
10. **Which South American country uses bolívares as its currency?**
 - a. Colombia
 - b. Argentina
 - c. Brazil
 - d. Chile
 - e. **Venezuela**